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SUBJ: WEST COAST COMMODITY EXCHANGE

REF: HONG KONG 3128

1. WEST COAST COMMODITY EXCHANGE (WCCE) PRIOR TO CLOSING WAS NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS SINCE IT CONFINED ITS ACTIVITIES TO COMMODITIES NOT SUBJECT TO COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT. HOWEVER, ONE PERSON REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN FOUNDING WCCE, SY B. GAIBER, WAS SUBJECT OF US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IN 1970 CHARGING PARTNERSHIP (COMMODITY BROKERAGE HOUSE) OF SY B. GAIBER AND CO. WITH FAILING TO MEET MINIMUM FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND FALSIFYING REPORTS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL CONDITION. RESPONDENTS IN THIS ACTION, SY B. GAIBER AND MICHAEL R. HEMPEL, HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FROM TRADING ON ALL REGULATED COMMODITY EXCHANGES DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 19, 1972 - AUGUST 19, 1974.

2. CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES INFORMS THAT IN FEBRUARY, 1974, WCCE REQUESTED COMMISSION TO REVOKE ITS STATE OF CALIFORNIA LICENSE BECAUSE OF A NET UNCLASSIFIED

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CAPITAL REQUIREMENT SHORTAGE. THE COMMISSION DID SO AND THE

WCCE CLOSED. IT REMAINS CLOSED. THE COMMISSION KNOWS OF NO  
LEGAL ACTIONS FILED AGAINST WCCE AT PRESEN TIME. WHEN IT  
WAS OPERATING, THE WCCE REPORTEDLY DEALT MOSTLY IN SILVER  
FUTURES. RUSH

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